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Gentlemen,

I believe that the settlement agreed to by the DOJ and 9 states was a fair and equitable solution. Microsoft was a strong competitor in a new rapidly growing industry in which no one knew for sure what form the internet would take, and all were looking for an advantage in developing the system which would be chosen as the standard for the industry. Microsoft developed the best system and made it available at low prices. This in turn has led to making the internet affordable to almost anyone.

Systems much simpler sold for thousands of dollars just a few years ago. Microsoft surely hasn't hurt the consumer, as he is getting more bang for his buck than ever before.

I think AOL and some of the so called class actions appear to be more aimed at getting a piece of the pie, or more harassment than anything else. I think it is time to settle this as the other 9 states accepted, and let Microsoft get back to business. We, the consumers have certainly benefited greatly from their innovation and expertise.

Thank you,  
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